



**I BEG YOUR
PARDON!**

D.W.D.

2nd National Bank

Stick 'em up,
please!

P-please don't
shoot!

Nobody follow
me, or else!

Have a
nice day!

Wait!
Stop!

I politely warned you..

BLAM!
BLAM!
BLAM!

THUD!
THUD!
THUD!

NOW have a
nice day!!!

Thud-ah-dump!
Thud-ah-dump!

The Mannerly
Bandit strikes!

Will justice be served?

That's the man!

**I'd know that face
anywhere!**

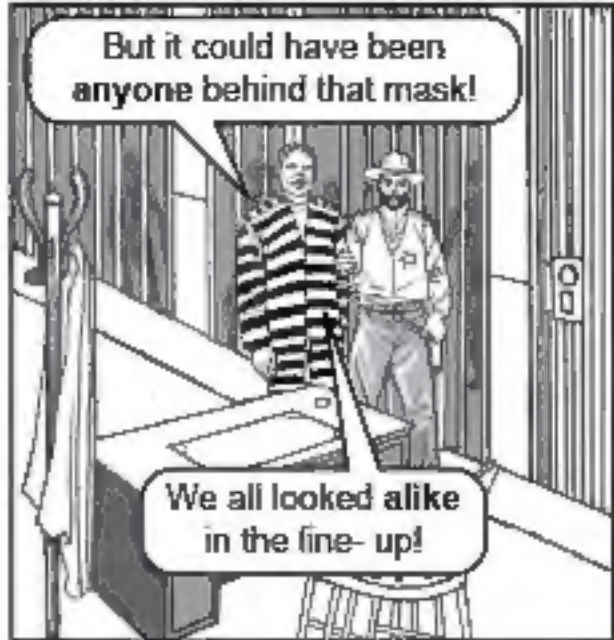
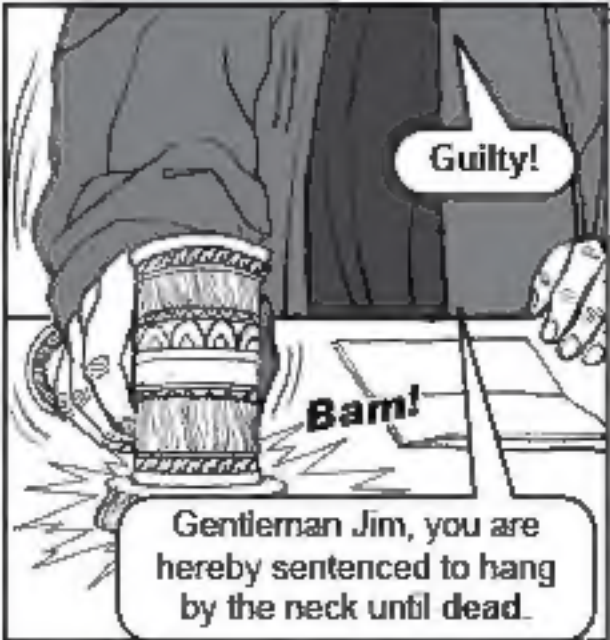


**That's the
Mannerly Bandit!**

Me?



**But I'm
innocent!**



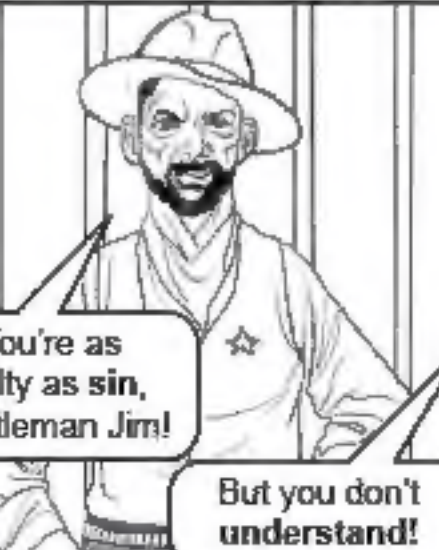


His case was appealed...




...all the way up to the governor.

Meanwhile, back in the prison:

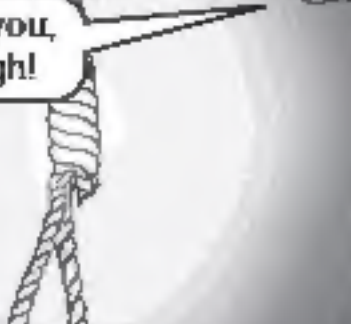
A black and white illustration of a man with a beard and a wide-brimmed hat, wearing a uniform with a star on the chest. He is standing in a prison cell with vertical bars. He has a distressed expression.

You're as guilty as sin, Gentleman Jim!

But you don't understand!

A close-up illustration of a hand in a uniform sleeve firmly grasping a thick rope. The background is dark and indistinct.

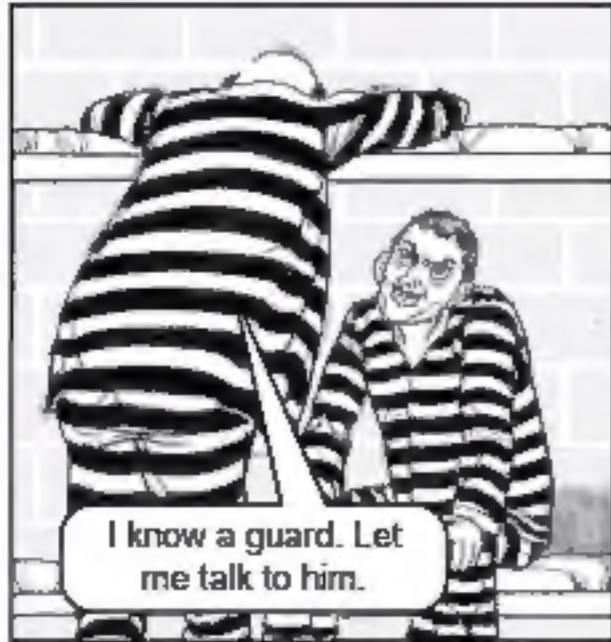
This will be you, soon enough!

A close-up illustration of a hand in a uniform sleeve firmly grasping a thick rope. The background is dark and indistinct.

Please! SOMEONE LISTEN TO ME!



Heh, heh, I'll give you a cut of the loot, if you get me out of here.



I know a guard. Let me talk to him.

The next night:



Psst! Gentleman Jim!
Get up! It's time.

Haw!

Haw!

Haw!

Ka-slam!



You'll never get out of here
ALIVE, Gentleman Jim!


Meanwhile at the state house:



Look at the evidence,
Governor.




By George, you're
right! He looks like
every man!

A man wearing a dark, heavy hooded robe is shown in profile, facing right. He has a beard and is speaking. A speech bubble points to him from the top right.

They could have sent **anyone** to prison with *that* evidence

They could be hanging an innocent man!

A man in a light-colored, buttoned robe is shown from the chest up, facing left. He is handing a large, folded envelope to another man whose hand is visible on the right. A speech bubble points to him from the top left. Another speech bubble points to the envelope from the right.

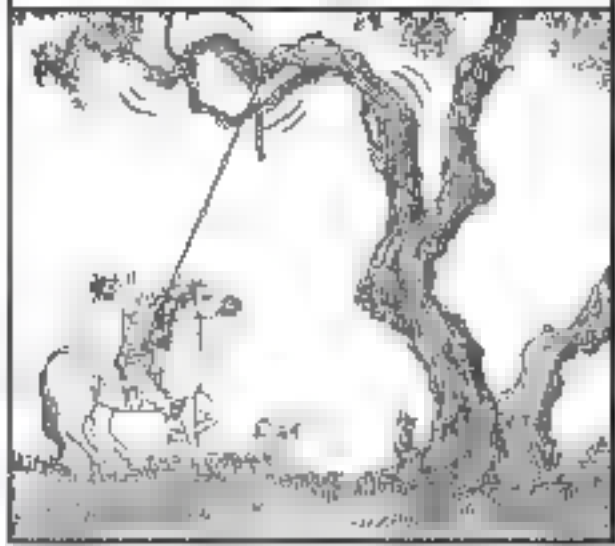
Here, son, take this pardon and my *fastest* horse

I hope we're not too late!


Faster! Yah!



The hangman was already testing the gallows






A black and white comic panel showing a man in a suit behind vertical prison bars. He is holding a document behind the bars with his right hand. Three speech bubbles are present: one on the left, one at the top right, and one at the bottom right.

I have it here in my hand! See?

I don't believe you.

I'm nobody's fool! I won't get tricked—again

Just sign your name to the pardon and you're a *free man!*



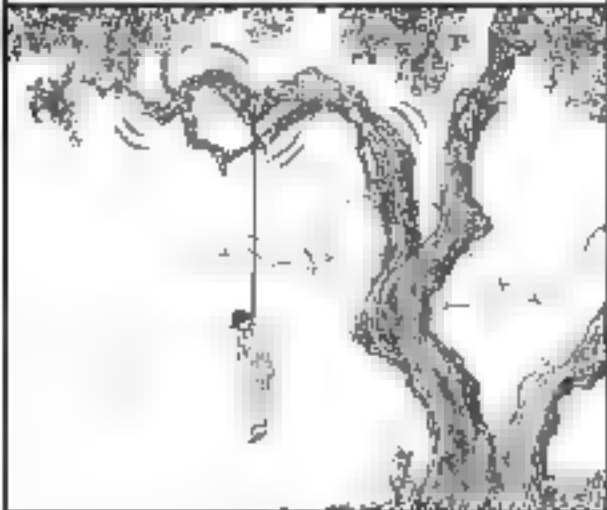
You're lyin'! The Governor
wouldn't do that

He's my daddy! He
wouldn't lie to you!

Look, you *have* to take it
I can't force it on you.

Then I refuse

And so, later that morning:



And he could have gone free

How **foolish** He
only died because he
rejected his pardon.

But he **got what he**
deserved, right?

I've got **news** for you:

We deserve it, too.

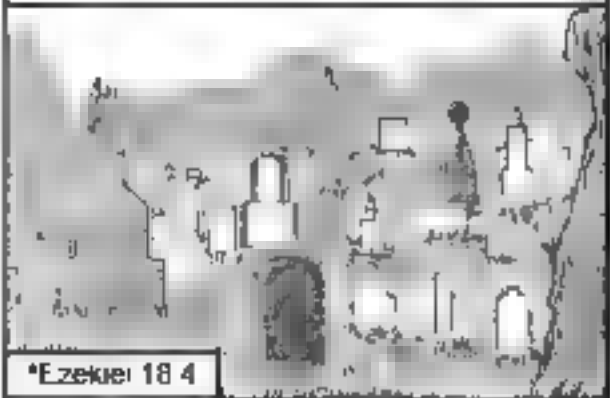
"For there is not a just man upon earth,
that doeth good, and sinneth not."



*Ecclesiastes 7:20

We are all guilty of sin

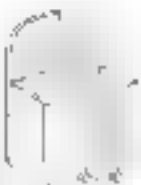
And God says the penalty of sin
is death "the soul that sinneth, it
shall die" Sinners don't deserve
to enter heaven



*Ezekiel 18:4

But there is a way in...


“ it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment ”
Judgment is where we find out where we will live forever



*Hebrews 9:27

God created us to live forever with Him.

But the judgment will show whether we truly wanted to be with Him, or not



Why?
What did He ever do for me?

God has a plan And you're in it!

At the perfect point in history, God sent His Son, Jesus, to earth on a mission:



To make the way clear for us to go to heaven. (John 9:17)

"In my Father's house are many mansions I go to prepare a place for you."



"And if I go I will come again that where I am, there ye may be also."^{*}

*John 14:2-3

But there is only one way to enter heaven: *through the Lord Jesus Christ.*

"I am the way, the truth, and the life:

no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."^{*}

^{*}John 14:6

Only the shedding of sinless blood can pay for sin. So Jesus shed His for us.^{*}



^{*}Heb. 9:22; Lev. 17:11

Three days later He rose from the grave.^{*} Jesus has power over sin and death!

^{*}1 Cor. 15:4

Jesus Christ bought our
pardon with His blood!
Will you accept His pardon?

Oh, Lord Jesus,
I don't want
to live in sin
anymore. I
believe You died
for me. Please
forgive me!



I don't deserve your pardon.
Thank You, Lord! I love you!

Or will you reject His love gift? If so,
there's only one other place for you:



You can choose your eternity, *now*.

“Let the wicked forsake his way, ... and let him return unto the LORD, ... for he will abundantly pardon.” Isaiah 55:7



Don't be a fool like Gentleman Jim. Receive God's pardon, while there is still time!

“...Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved...” Acts 16:31

Do you admit that you are a sinner? YES NO

Do you believe Jesus died to pay for your sins? YES NO

Did you ask Him to forgive you and come into your heart? YES NO

If you did, remember this date.

Date _____

Your Name _____

THE BIBLE SAYS THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO HEAVEN!

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6

NOBODY ELSE CAN SAVE YOU. TRUST JESUS TODAY!

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Rom. 10:9

1. Admit you are a sinner. See Romans 3:10
2. Be willing to turn from sin (repent). See Acts 17:30
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you, was buried and rose from the dead. See Rom. 10:9-10
4. Through prayer, invite Jesus into your heart to become your personal Saviour. See Rom. 10:13

WHAT TO PRAY

Dear God, I am a sinner and need forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ shed His precious blood and died for my sin. I am willing to turn from sin. I now invite Christ to come into my heart as my personal Saviour.

If you trusted Jesus as your Saviour, you have just begun a wonderful new life with Him. Now:

1. Read your Bible (KJV) every day to get to know Jesus Christ better.
2. Talk to God in prayer every day.
3. Be baptized, worship, fellowship, and serve with other Christians in a church where Christ is preached and the Bible is the final authority.
4. Tell others about Jesus Christ.

Here's help to grow as a new Christian! Read *The Next Step*, available at www.chick.com.

